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AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as indicated hereafter.

To the Claims

Claim 1. (currently amended) A manufacturing method of a thin film transistor (TFT), comprising:

forming a gate over a substrate;

forming an inter-gate dielectric layer over the substrate covering the gate;

forming a channel layer over a portion of the inter-gate dielectric layer at least over the gate, wherein the channel layer is a lightly doped amorphous silicon layer, and the step of forming the channel layer comprises:

forming a first lightly doped sub-amorphous silicon layer over the portion of the inter-gate dielectric layer at a first deposition rate; and

forming a second lightly doped sub-amorphous silicon layer over the first lightly doped sub-amorphous silicon layer at a second deposition rate; and

forming source/drain regions over the channel layer, wherein the source/drain regions are separated by a distance, ~~and the lightly doped amorphous silicon layer between the source region and the drain region is a channel region.~~

Claim 2. (original) The manufacturing method of claim 1, wherein the channel layer comprises an N-type lightly doped amorphous silicon layer.

Claim 3. (original) The manufacturing method of claim 1, wherein the channel layer comprises a P-type lightly doped amorphous silicon layer.

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Claim 4. (original) The manufacturing method of claim 1, wherein the channel layer is doped with phosphorous atoms, and a concentration of phosphorous atoms is in a range of about $1\text{E}17 \text{ atom/cm}^3$ to about $1\text{E}18 \text{ atom/cm}^3$.

Claim 5. (original) The manufacturing method of claim 1, wherein the channel layer is doped with boron atoms, and a concentration of boron atoms is in a range of about $1\text{E}16 \text{ atom/cm}^3$ to about $5\text{E}17 \text{ atom/cm}^3$.

Claim 6. (original) The manufacturing method of claim 1, wherein the step of forming the channel layer comprises performing a chemical vapor deposition (CVD) process using a reaction gas mixture comprising silane (SiH_4), hydrogen (H_2) and phosphine (PH_3), wherein a effective content ratio of the phosphine (PH_3) is in a range of about $2.8\text{E}-7$ to about $8\text{E}-6$, and wherein the effective content ratio of the phosphine (PH_3) is equal to the ratio of the content of phosphine (PH_3) to the total content of silane (SiH_4), hydrogen (H_2) and phosphine (PH_3).

Claim 7. (original) The manufacturing method of claim 1, wherein the step of forming the channel layer comprises performing a chemical vapor deposition (CVD) process using a reaction gas mixture comprising silane (SiH_4), hydrogen (H_2) and boroethane (B_2H_6), wherein a effective content ratio of the boroethane (B_2H_6) is in a range of about $5\text{E}-7$ to about $1\text{E}-5$, and wherein the effective content ratio of the boroethane (B_2H_6) is equal to the ratio of the content of boroethane (B_2H_6) to the total content of silane (SiH_4), hydrogen (H_2) and boroethane (B_2H_6).

Claim 8. (cancelled)

Claim 9 (cancelled)

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Claim 10. (original) The manufacturing method of claim 1, further comprising a step of forming a protection layer over the substrate after the step of forming the source/drain regions covering the source/drain regions, the channel layer and the inter-gate dielectric layer.

Claims 11-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (currently amended) A manufacturing method of a thin film transistor (TFT), comprising:

forming a gate over a substrate;

forming an inter-gate dielectric layer over the substrate covering the gate;

forming a channel layer over a portion of the inter-gate dielectric layer at least over the gate, wherein the channel layer comprises a lightly doped amorphous silicon layer and the step of forming the channel layer comprises:

forming a first lightly doped sub-amorphous silicon layer over the portion of the inter-gate dielectric layer at a first deposition rate; and

forming a second lightly doped sub-amorphous silicon layer over the first lightly doped sub-amorphous silicon layer at a second deposition rate;

forming an ohmic contact layer over the channel layer; and

forming source/drain regions over the channel layer, wherein the source/drain regions are separated by a distance, ~~and the lightly doped amorphous silicon layer between the source region and the drain region is a channel region.~~

Claim 20. (previously presented) The manufacturing method of claim 19, wherein the channel layer comprises an N-type lightly doped amorphous silicon layer.

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Claim 21. (previously presented) The manufacturing method of claim 19, wherein the channel layer comprises a P-type lightly doped amorphous silicon layer.

Claim 22. (previously presented) The manufacturing method of claim 19, wherein the channel layer is doped with phosphorous atoms, and a concentration of phosphorous atoms is in a range of about $1E17$ atom/cm³ to about $1E18$ atom/cm³.

Claim 23. (previously presented) The manufacturing method of claim 19, wherein the channel layer is doped with boron atoms, and a concentration of boron atoms is in a range of about $1E16$ atom/cm³ to about $5E17$ atom/cm³.

Claim 24. (previously presented) The manufacturing method of claim 19, further comprising a step of forming a protection layer over the substrate after the step of forming the source/drain regions covering the source/drain regions, the channel layer and the inter-gate dielectric layer.

Claim 25. (cancelled)

Claim 26. (previously presented) The manufacturing method of claim 19, wherein the step of forming the channel layer comprises performing a chemical vapor deposition (CVD) process using a reaction gas mixture comprising silane (SiH₄), hydrogen (H₂) and phosphine (PH₃), wherein a effective content ratio of the phosphine (PH₃) is in a range of about $2.8E-7$ to about $8E-6$, and wherein the effective content ratio of the phosphine (PH₃) is equal to the ratio of the content of phosphine (PH₃) to the total content of silane (SiH₄), hydrogen (H₂) and phosphine (PH₃).

Claim 27. (previously presented) The manufacturing method of claim 19, wherein the step of forming the channel layer comprises performing a chemical vapor deposition

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(CVD) process using a reaction gas mixture comprising silane (SiH_4), hydrogen (H_2) and boroethane (B_2H_6), wherein a effective content ratio of the boroethane (B_2H_6) is in a range of about $5\text{E}-7$ to about $1\text{E}-5$, and wherein the effective content ratio of the boroethane (B_2H_6) is equal to the ratio of the content of boroethane (B_2H_6) to the total content of silane (SiH_4), hydrogen (H_2) and boroethane (B_2H_6).